

**BEFORE THE FITNESS TO PRACTISE COMMITTEE
OF THE GENERAL OPTICAL COUNCIL**

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AND

ANTHONY PLIMMER (01-9062)

**DETERMINATION OF A 2nd REVIEW OF AN INTERIM ORDER
15 APRIL 2011**

Service of notice

The registrant was not present nor represented. The Council was represented by Mr Whalley who applied for the matter to proceed in the registrant's absence pursuant to Rule 21 of the 2005 FTP Rules. The Committee adjourned so that the registrant could be contacted so that the Committee could satisfy itself that all reasonable efforts had been made to notify the registrant and that it was in the public interest to proceed. The Chairman, in conversation with Mr Plimmer, was able to confirm that he had no objection to the current order remaining in force and for the hearing to proceed in his absence. Mr Plimmer also informed the Committee that he was not currently working as an optometrist but he was working part time as a receptionist in an optical practice.

Determination

The Fitness to Practise Committee reviewed an Interim Order for the imposition of conditional registration of Anthony Plimmer for a period of 18 months made on 30 June 2010. An early review hearing on 26 October 2010 was requested by the Council due to the non-compliance of the terms of the original order; the conditions were amended to cater for the changed circumstances of the registrant.

The Committee accepted the advice of the legal adviser.

The Committee is satisfied that it is necessary to make a review of the Interim Order for the protection of the public. The registrant's registration will continue to be subject to conditions. The Committee came to this decision having considered the totality of the evidence before it and the material placed before a differently constituted Committee in June and October. The Committee had regard to the

matters expressed on the previous occasions and the need to ensure that any decision it makes must be proportionate.

The Committee is satisfied that the conditions as imposed should continue.

The order will be reviewed within 6 months from today unless all matters are resolved within that time, or earlier should new evidence be made available, or if the registrant, at any time after three months from today's date, requests an early review.

Chairman of the Committee: Sir Alistair Graham

Signed _____ Date 15 April 2011

LIST OF CONDITIONS

1. You must advise the Registrar of the details of any employment you obtain as an optometrist.
2. You must make contact with the Registrar within three months of this order and at three monthly intervals to inform the Registrar of your employment status.
3. If you obtain employment as an optometrist you must place yourself and remain under the supervision of a specified supervisor approved by the Registrar. The supervisor must be based predominantly at your place of work, regularly oversee your professional performance and record keeping and take responsibility for the care of your patients. The supervisor is to provide reports to the Registrar every three months providing details of any progression or regression in the following areas of your practise:
 - Record keeping;
 - Glaucoma / visual fields assessment;
 - Patient communication.

You must advise the Registrar of the nominated supervisor's contact details and of any change to the specified workplace supervisor.

4. You must not undertake any locum work in any form unless advised to do so by your supervisor and with prior agreement of the Registrar.
5. The GOC will enter these conditions against your name in the register.. You must allow the Registrar to share any information, including confidential information, with any employer, supervisor, professional colleague or any organisation for which you provide ophthalmic services for the duration of your conditional registration. You must also allow the Registrar to share this information with other regulatory bodies and the Department of Health.

6. You must notify the Registrar within 14 days of commencement of any professional appointment you accept whilst you are subject to these conditions (this includes any teaching posts) and provide contact details of your employer and if providing ophthalmic services under a NHS contract, the PCT on whose ophthalmic practitioners list you will be included (this includes any equivalent employer in the EC).
7. You must inform the Registrar within 14 days of any criminal convictions, police cautions or formal disciplinary proceedings taken against you from the date of this determination.
8. You must inform the Registrar:
 - a. If having obtained employment you cease working;
 - b. If your work takes you out of the UK for a significant period of time; or
 - c. Of any employment you apply for outside of the UK (and in which countries)

as conditions of registration only apply to practice undertaken in the UK (you must consider whether your time out of work or out of the UK will allow you to fulfil the conditions during the period of conditional registration). The Registrar may inform the relevant competent authorities in that country of your current conditions of UK registration.

9. You must continue to fulfil the CET requirements under the GOC CET scheme to secure appropriate points for continued inclusion on the GOC register.
10. You must inform the following parties that your registration is subject to conditional registration:
 - a. Any organisation or person employing or contracting with you to undertake ophthalmic services (to include any locum agency);
 - b. Any prospective employer (whether within the UK or EC);
 - c. Chairman of the Local Optometric Committee;
 - d. The PCT in whose ophthalmic practitioners list you are included or seeking inclusion.
9. You must ensure that your GOC registration is renewed by 15 March annually while you are subject to the GOC FTP conditional registration procedures. Should you fail to renew your registration a review hearing will be arranged immediately.